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Union Service Sunday-Promise Land

The annual union baptizing services will be held at the Promise Land Baptist Church this fourth Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Candidates from the Galilee, Mt. Shiloh and Promise Land Baptist Churches will meet in the church at 10 a.m. Following the service the regular morning worship will begin at 11 a.m. The pastor of the church will officate. At the close of the morning worship the Lords supper will be administered to candidates. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

Members and friends of the Galilee Baptist Church are cordially invited to attend the wedding of Mr. James A. Hamlet and Miss Elenor Gafford, Saturday September 27, 1969 at the Galilee Baptist Church at 5 p.m. The pastor of the church will perform the ceremony.

An overflow crowd attended the thirteenth anniversary of the local Appomattox Trumpeters held at the Carver Price High School last Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. The Reverends J. W. Paige and W. R. Jones served as master of ceremony. The following groups appeared on the program: Gospel Four, Lynchburg; The Clouds of Joy Monroe; The Crawford Brothers, Staunton; The Holiness Gospel Singers, Pamplin; The Gospel Quintette, Keysville; The Royal Lights of Farmville; and the local Trumpeters. A free will offering was lifted by deacons Christian, Cornel Austin and Mickles. All who attended enjoyed the program. Principal A. L. Beamon extended welcome and special greetings. The benediction was given by the Rev. R. Q. Lawing.

All teachers, parents and patrons are cordially invited to attend the regular PTA meeting this Monday evening, September 29 in the main auditorium of the Carver Price High School. Our principal is asking all parents to arrange to be present.

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The Pastor Speaks

A month ago thirty-one inches of rain fell in Nelson County taking over one hundred lives in that area and in other areas of Central Virginia. As you and I are faced with these and with other examples of evil, it is easy to ask "Just what is behind it all? Why doesn't God do something?"

In moments of grief and sorrow people quite easily blame God for evil and suffering. Even though the tendency to do this is wrong, we do need to know how a God of love and power can permit suffering to exist among his people.

Let's try to answer this question by first defining two types of evil. Natural evil is evil as seen in such events as tornadoes, earthquakes, rainstorms and floods. Moral evil is evil done by men such as murder or robbery.

Moral evil comes about because God has given men free will. If God were to put a stop suddenly to all evil in this universe, he would have to remove every person from the universe. Overnight the world would become empty of its people.

Natural laws cause earthquakes, floods, and tornadoes. Natural law causes fire to be warm at one distance but may burn at another. If God changed one of his laws for your convenience without caring for any one else, this would greatly inconvenience another person. God simply doesn't change the laws of this world at our whim or suggestion. He knows what is best for us and knows personally to be best. In trying to understand the presence of evil let us first know that evil is just a part of God's gift of free will. God could have made us like machines, but he didn't. He gave us free will. Since God gave men free will, we have the opportunity to use it in the wrong way. Much of the suffering in the world can be traced to wrong choices by men. A holdup man may kill someone. A crooked department head in a business may make a decision that will bring misery to millions.

Sometimes suffering is sent by God as punishment or a judgment. Not all suffering or difficulty is caused by this, but some is. God sends it upon us for our benefit so that we might learn from it. Also, some suffering is actually redemptive and helpful. Consider the suffering of Jesus Christ. The death of Jesus for our sin makes it possible for us to have eternal life. The penalty of evil can be removed, and you and I can receive life and power to choose what is right as we embrace the Lord Jesus Christ.

Not only did God in sending Christ make it possible for us to know new life, he also can let us be brought through suffering in such a way as to be strengthened and helped. Some people meet suffering and difficulty by learning from it. Others seem to cave in and give way, becoming embittered in the process. As the Scriptures say, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

May the God who is a mighty help in times of difficulty strengthen your life day by day and lead you victoriously through suffering and hardship.

Dr. Thomas Lea, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia

Questions

Q. My sister was very sick before she died last month and I paid all of her medical bills. She was covered by the medical insurance part of Medicare. Can I submit these bills for payment and reimbursed for what I paid? There will be no estate and I am her only survivor.

A.—You may submit the medical bills for payment and be reimbursed for what you paid. Be certain to include a statement with your claims form stating that the bills were paid from your own funds.

Q.—I have never made any claim for payment toward medical expenses under Medicare and I am not sure how to go about it. Is there anywhere I can go for help in filing for reimbursement?

A.—You may contact your nearest Social Security District Office for assistance in preparing your claim, which will be made on a Form SSA-1490, "Request for Medicare Payment." They will also give you the proper address of the carrier to whom the claim will be sent for payment.

Q—I plan to retire soon but have no birth certificate on record. What records can be used to prove my age for social security purposes?

A—Many people find their birth is not on record. Other records such as the Federal Census records, early school records, or early voter records can be used to help establish the date of birth for social security purposes.

Bedford. The local band will play daring half time. Come one, come all!

Mr. Nelson C Jordan of Los Angeles California spent his vacation here visiting his aunts, Mrs. M. J. Price, Mrs. Elsie Caroll and Miss Elizabeth Jordan recently.

Mr. Mozier Wright of Baltimore spent a few days here last week as the guest of his sisters, Mrs. Ada Nowlin and Mrs. Hattie Patterson.

Mrs. Mary E. Hunter and son Samuel and brother Mr. McKinley Lewis of Washington, D. C. were the week end guests of there mother and sister and family, Mrs. Polly Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lawing.

Mr. Walden Haskins is improving at the home of his brother, Mr. Anderson after a serious operation in the University of Virginia hospital. His sisters of New York visited him last Sunday.

Mrs. Theda Harris who spent five weeks in the Lynchburg General Hospital has returned to her home and is doing nicely.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Doward B. Patterson, Mrs. Betty Flood and Mr. Peter Flood of Baltimore, Md. who were in Appomattox, Va. visiting relatives and friends and on their way to visit their sister and aunt, Mrs. Alice Stewart in Roanoke, Va.

The Mordenistic club meet at the home of Miss H. B. Stevens last Friday.

The public is asked to support the local Panthers in their first home game of the season this Saturday evening at 8 p.m. at the Appomattox High School Athletic Field. They will play the Susie Gibson High School of

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

GOLDEN DAYS?

Lesson for September 28, 1969

Background Scripture: 1 Kings 4:20; 21; 29-34; 5:13-18; 9:1-9; 10; 11.
Devotional Readings: Psalms 53.

Hitler's prewar Germany was a shiny, glittering thing. New superhighways, the autobahns, traversed Germany like shining concrete ribbons. Everywhere there were bright colors, pageantry, massed choruses and bands, gigantic mass meetings, beautiful new stadiums and public buildings. To many, Nazi Germany was the Fatherland's "Golden Age."

Imperial Russia also dazzled the eye. The Imperial family lived like ancient oriental kings. The Kremlin, Moscow's strange religious, cultural, and political citadel, contained some of the most priceless art treasures and jewels ever seen by man. The nobility and upper classes lived in brilliant luxury and culture.

Gold-Plated!

Pre-Civil War United States also sparkled, although more like a "diamond-in-the-rough" than a finely-cut and polished gem. The country was vigorous and brawling with agressive industriousness. In the North were the impressive factories, canals, railroads, and large urban centers. In the South were beautiful and stately plantations which breathed a heavy fragrance of the genteel way of life.

In each of these, however, the "Golden Age" proved, in reality, to be gold-plate. Beneath the dazzling color was fraud, poverty, and misery, proving once more that "all that glitters is not gold." The Germans had to pay a terribly high price for the gold-plating of their nation. In Imperial Russia, while some lived in unimaginable luxury, the great masses of people had barely enough upon which to live day to day. In pre-Civil War U.S.A., the industries thrived on a vicious business ethic. The southern plantations were built upon the terrible institution of human slavery.

The Old Story

In the midst of prosperity, each of these nations was sowing the seeds of its own self-destruction. The cost each had to pay is staggering. The division between East and West Germany today is one of Naxism's more lasting results. The collapse of the Russian Monarchy and the advent of Communism is the price that was paid for the Czar's follies. In the United States the Reconstruction Era after the War set a pattern of internal division and strife that still affects us today.

It is an old story. The same thing happened during the "Golden Age" of King Solomon. What began as a noble venture under David, ended as a dismal failure under Solomon. Yet, we had been led to believe that Solomon would be an even better king than his father. Was not this the young monarch who listened carefully to the wise counsel of his dying father? Was not this the humble Solomon who prayed that he might continue to be God's servant, as had been his father? Was this not the young son of David who inherited a firmly-established kingdom of power and stability? And was this not Solomon the builder who rededicated himself and his people so eloquently at the construction of the temple?

The answer to all of these is Yes . . . and No. Yes, it was King Solomon, but No it was a different king Solomon who had been ruined by his own successes.

"Not Wholly True"

Solomon, despite his legendary wisdom, used slave labor to build his impressive buildings. Selfishly, his own desires came before the welfare of his people and he oppressed anyone who got in his way. He was self-indulgent (anyone with all those wives would have to be!). But worst of all, what really killed the "Golden Age" of Solomon was this: "His heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father" (1 Kings 11:4).

In yours?

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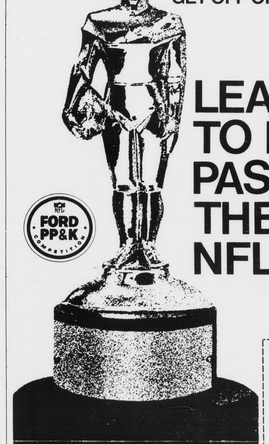

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Church Services

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Adventist Church
Sabbath School Lesson No. 12
for Sept. 20, 1969
Subject: "Be Ye Reconciled".
Memory Verse: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christs stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:20.

Lesson Outline: Sect. 1 The need of Reconciliation. Q1 Sinful man not reconciled. Isa. 59:2, Q2 Scope of reconciliation 2 Cor. 5:18, 19. Section 2. Thoughts Concerning Reconciliation. Q3. Foretold Dan. 9: 24. Q4. Taught by Christ's ambassadors. II Cor. 5:20. Q5. Reveals suffering of God with Christ, II Cor. 5:19a. Q6. Through the death of Christ. Rom. 5:10. Q7. Purpose of reconciliation. Col. 1:21,22. Sect. 3 Sinner's Hope centers in Reconciliation and Redemption. Q8. Redemption. Eph. 1:7. Q9. Reconciliation. Heb. 2:18. Q10 Propitiation. 1 John 4:10. Q11 Salvation. Rom 5:10, Heb. 7:25 Q12. The home of the saved. Rev. 21:1-7.

Note — "The first step in reconciliation to God is the conviction of sin. Sin is the transgression of the law. By the law is the knowledge of sin. In order to see his sin the sinner must test his character by God's great standard of righteousness, the law which shows the perfection of a righteous character and enables him to discern the defects in his own. The Great Controversy, Page. 467. It is impossible to separate reconciliation and redemption. The word redemption, in Ephesians 1:7 carries with it the thought of releasing a loving back or a ransom. In plain words it is defined as "the forgiveness of sins." This means that the sinner is liberated from the filth and condemnation that sin brings into the life. Redemption brings about a new life. Paul speaks of it as "newness of life." Rom 6:4.

The word "propitation" or "expiation", conveys the idea of mercy in reconciliation. This does not mean that God's anger requires appeasement, but that Jesus came to restore a peaceful relationship with God and His people through his death on the cross of Calvary." Soon we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. And in His presence the trails and sufferings of this life will seem as nothingness.

Thought for Meditation — We cannot wrestle with God and wrangle with men. To be reconciled with our fellowmen is essential preparation to meet God in peace.

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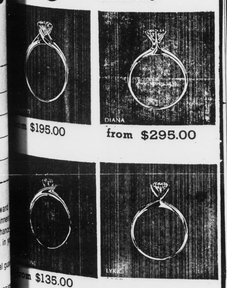

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Record Set By UDC

A record was set for the Appomattox Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy Thursday evening, Sept. 18, as 13 new members received their certificates from Mrs. A. J. Zastrow, president (seated, center). Meeting at the home of Mrs. A. B. Cole, the new members were also welcomed by Mrs. Adelaide Edwards, of Farmville, past III district chairman UDC. New members include (from left) Mrs. Frances Hill, Mrs. Lucille Ferrell, Mrs. J. W. Childers, Mrs. Dave Cyrus, Mrs. Jeannette Garrett Austin, of Lynchburg, Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr., Mrs. Curry Harvey, Mrs. Addie Ould, Mrs. H. H. Caldwell, Sr., Mrs. C. D. Lewis, Mrs. Lena C. Eversole, Mrs. Catherine Dean, of Bedford, and Mrs. Schyler Marshall.

In addition, Mrs. Andy Jo Plunkett Goode, of Radford, became an associate member. Mrs. Rachel Lawson and Mrs. Virginia Rosser, having previously been made members, are now on active status, and Mrs. Neil Walton and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson are new members. This brings the chapter membership up from 29 members to 47, also brought to be a record membership in county UDC history.

Dr. Collins In Revival At Hebron

Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr., Pastor of Beulah Baptist Church, Lynchburg, and former pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox, will bring the messages in Revival Services at Hebron Baptist Church beginning Sunday evening it was announced today by the pastor, Rev. G. R. Lawrence. The services will continue each evening during the week, through Friday, at 7:45 o'clock. There will be a special story time for the children beginning Monday evening. The public is invited to all services.

Vestry Honors W. S. Jones

William Samuel Jones, vestryman and register emeritus of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Appomattox, has been honored by a resolution of the Vestry of St. Anne's read at a regular meeting at the Vicarage Sept. 14.

Mr. Jones died July 10 at the age of 81.

The Vestry expressed their gratitude for Mr. Jones' long-standing dedication and service to St. Anne's and especially for his personal contribution to the reconstruction and refinishing of St. Anne's Church upon its removal to Appomattox from the original site at Five Forks.

Plans are underway for a plaque to be erected to his memory.

Lord Help Me Walk

By: F. D. Flynn

Lord, help us walk from day to day
In this long life we trod,
That we may be the Holy Spirit
That draws us close to God.
With every act a noble deed ...
With every word a precious seed ....
To find the great within the small
And render kindness to all
To learn what we have learned

Homecoming Set At Spout Spring

Spout Spring Baptist Church is planning a Homecoming for Sunday, October 5, beginning with the morning service. Speaker will be a former pastor, the Rev. William Thompson now a chaplain in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Dinner on the grounds will follow the service followed by an afternoon song festival with local quartettes, choirs and soloists.

On this Sunday evening, Sept. 28, a candlelight installation service will be held at 7:45 for all new teachers together with an ordination service for deacons.

Steam Generator For VepCo

A 660,000 pound steam generator and a 170,000 pound pressurizer have been loaded on a barge in Tampa, Florida, and is in route to Virginia Electric and Power Company's Surry Nuclear Power Station on the James River, Vepco officials announced.

The generator was shipped in two pieces. The upper shell, or steam drum, weighs 240,000 pounds, and the lower shell, which contains 45 miles of inconel tubing, weighs 240,000 pounds. The two sections will be welded together in the field upon their arrival at the Surry site.

Westinghouse is providing 2 800,000 kilowatt nuclear steam supply systems for Units 1 and 2 at Vepco's Surry Power Station.

Vepco's first unit at Surry is scheduled for commercial operation in the spring of 1971, with the second unit going into operation a year later.

MT. AIRY BAPTIST

The public is cordially invited to worship with us Sunday at 3:00 o'clock. The guest speaker is the Rev. L. L. Harris from Lynchburg and the Jordon Baptist Church Jr. Choir will render the music. The Mt. Airy Junior Choir is sponsoring this service.

The Church will have its regular Business Meeting this Friday, Sept. 26th.

The Junior choir served as the guest choir on the program Sunday sponsored by Mrs. Ethel Wiley Jordon at the Second Mineral Spring Church.

The Revival will begin this first Sunday in October. The public is cordially invited to attend. The guest speaker for the week will be the Rev. J. Moore.

The Jr. Choir served the First Baptist Church in South Lynchburg Monday night beginning their Revival. Rev. W. Jones is pastor and Rev. Blackwell is the Evangelist for the week.

The week end guests of Mrs. Hulder Johnson and family

The week end guest of Mrs. Hulder Johnson and family was her son, Rev. W. Johnson from Beckley, W. Va.

The Church is proud to know that Mr. Wayne Johnson is back in college at Virginia State in Petersburg Va. for his second year after spending the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson. Miss Cassandra Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Berry will enroll for her first year at the Community College in Lynchburg. Mr. Burnie McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve McCoy, has enrolled at the Phillip's Business School in Lynchburg, Va. for his first year.

Motorists traveled an average of 43 million miles a day on Virginia's highways last year — the equivalent of 89 round trips to the moon. Virginians now own about two million motor vehicles.

Cactus Wears Five-Stars

Mrs. Annie Carr, of Appomattox, never expected this cactus to bloom, but here it is . . . three star shaped blooms nearly eight inches from petal tip to petal tip and two more waiting their turn to burst into the unusual looking yellow-beige flowers with lavendar lines and center. Mrs. Carr's daughter is Helen Lewis (Mrs. Cabell), a supervisor at Appomattox Garment Co. Mrs. Carr's sister, Mrs. Jesse Hudson of Halifax, has been caring for the cactus, but on a recent visit there Mrs. Lewis decided to bring it to Appomattox so friends here could take a look. One unanswered question . . . "What is the cactus' name?"

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